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In re application of

James L. Baratucci

Group Art Unit:

Serial No. 10/004,365

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Filed: November 1, 2001

For: RIBBED TUBE CONTINUOUS FLEXIBLE SPACER ASSEMBLY

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47

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Sir:

A petition hereby is made to accept the filing date of this application by one who is a joint inventor. This petition is supported by the following enclosures:

(1) Declaration of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Omitted Inventor;
and

(2) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by joint inventor on behalf of omitted inventor who refuses to sign.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees for the filing of this document to deposit account #18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,
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Applicant: James L. Baratuci

Serial No.: 10/004,365

Filed: 11/01/2001

Title: RIBBED TUBE CONTINUOUS FLEXIBLE SPACER ASSEMBLY

**DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING
ON BEHALF OF OMITTED INVENTOR (37 C.F.R. 1.47)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, James L. Baratuci, am a joint inventor of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/004,365 filed November 1, 2001. The application names Patrick A. Drda, Steven M. Milano, Theo J. van de Pol and myself as co-inventors.

1. In the fall of 2000, I informed Theo J. van de Pol that he was an inventor on a patent application being filed by TruSeal Technologies, Inc. ("TruSeal"). TruSeal is the assignee of all rights to the inventions described in this application. TruSeal acquired these inventions when it purchased the entire insulating glass business from Tremco, Inc. The inventions in this application were an asset of that business. Mr. van de Pol's contribution to these inventions had been performed during his employment with Tremco, and he had an obligation to assign these inventions to Tremco. Mr. van de Pol continued to be employed by Tremco until June 1, 2001.

2. TruSeal filed this application as a provisional patent application on November 8, 2000. I sent a copy of this application and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney to Mr. van de Pol on November 8, 2000 via Federal Express. At this time I also requested Mr. van de Pol review the application in preparation for filing a utility patent application and executing the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Mr. van de Pol refused to execute the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

3. From the winter of 2000 through spring of 2001, Mr. van de Pol and I had several telephone discussions with Mr. van de Pol requesting he execute the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Mr. van de Pol refused, on the advice of his attorney, stating he had general rights to the invention in Europe. Mr. van de Pol claimed to have a so-called "general release" from Tremco that warranted his refusal to execute the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Mr. van de Pol refused to give TruSeal a copy of this "release".

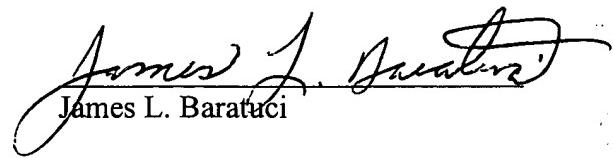
4. In June of 2001, TruSeal contacted Tremco and requested copies of the Mr. van de Pol's "release" and any other employment records. TruSeal also inquired about the conditions of Mr. van de Pol's "release". Tremco refused to provide these documents and any information about the conditions of the release.

5. Finally, in preparation for filing of the utility patent application claiming priority from the provisional, on August 13, 2001, I again sent Mr. van de Pol the application along with the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. I have since had several conversations with Mr. van de Pol several times requesting he execute the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. He again refused to sign. Mr. van de Pol has continually indicated that his refusal to sign is based on advice from his attorney.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true or that the statements made on information are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title:

RIBBED TUBE CONTINUOUS FLEXIBLE SPACER ASSEMBLY

the specification of which

is attached hereto, or

was filed as United States Application or PCT International Application (give Express Mail label number and deposit date if Application number not yet known):

Application No.:
(Express Mail Label No.)

Filing Date:
(Deposit Date)

Amended on (if applicable):

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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| 60/246,865 | November 8, 2000 |

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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Signature for third and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added 1.

Added page to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.

This declaration ends with this page.

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